

Attention Residents/organizations: Please comment one last time on the St. Johns Project

We know you are getting sick and tired of this -- we are too, but the public comment period for the St. Johns Bayou-New Madrid Floodway flood control project's Final (Revised) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement will end August 19, 2002.

It is critical that we -- once again -- comment on the study.

These comments will be sent to the "decision maker", the commander of the Mississippi Valley Division of the Corps of Engineers, along with the report and preferred alternative, to help him make his decision about the

project.

They could form the basis for his Record of Decision. Unless you ask for specific technical information, you probably will not receive a response to this -- we hope the last -- round of comments.

Individuals can go to the Memphis District Corps of Engineers website at www.mvm.usace.army.mil, scroll down the home page to the red-outlined box "St. Johns Bayou and New Madrid Floodway", click on that, and go either to the "Contact Us" button at the top of the page or to the "Do

you have a question? Click Go button" and type in your comments.

If you represent an organization, you should send in comments on your letterhead stationery, addressed to:

Col. Jack V. Scherer, Commander
Memphis District Corps of Engineers
ATTN: CEMVM-PM-E
167 North Main Street, B-202
Memphis, TN 38103-1894

(Sample letter. Make changes as you see fit.)

August 8, 2002

Dear Col. Scherer,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on the St. Johns Bayou - New Madrid Floodway flood control project's Final (Revised) Supplemental Environmental Impact Study.

As a resident of Southeast Missouri, completion of this flood control project is vitally important. We support the preferred alternative as outlined in the FSEIS, calling for the closure of the gap between the front-

line and setback levees at its original 1,500-foot location; two pumping stations; and minimal cleanout work on the ditches in the St. Johns Bayou leading toward East Prairie.

The project, with all of the avoid and minimize features built into it, as well as mitigation lands to be purchased, will be an asset to the region, to the environment, to Big Oak Tree State Park, to our wildlife (that will no longer be needlessly flooded), and to the people who live and work in the region (who also will no longer be needlessly flooded.)

This process has taken entirely too long, and we sincerely hope you will expedite construction on this much-needed and much desired flood control project.

We are not draining anything, we are not developing anything, we simply NO LONGER WANT TO BE FLOODED.

Sincerely,
(Sign your name here)

Liz Anderson
Editor,
The Enterprise-Courier
and East Prairie Eagle